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Barrio Azteca Gang Leader Sentenced in Texas to Life in Prison

On February 14 a Barrio Azteca (BA) gang leader, Roberto Cardona, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for his participation in a racketeering conspiracy. According to court documents the BA is primarily based in West Texas; Juarez, Mexico; and throughout state and federal prisons in the United States and Mexico. They engage in a host of criminal activity including drug trafficking, extortion, money laundering, kidnapping and murder, including the March 13, 2010 murders in Juarez, Mexico of U.S. consulate employee Leslie Ann Enriquez Catton, her husband Arthur Redelfs, and Jorge Alberto Salcido Cenicerros, the husband of a U.S. consulate employee.

At sentencing, a witness testified about personally attending a meeting where Cardona ordered extortions, assaults, and kidnappings. The witness testified that Cardona contacted him for the purposes of kidnapping someone in El Paso and delivering him to Juarez. According to testimony, Cardona arranged for the witness and others to meet with the victim, assault him, drug him, bind him, and transport him to Juarez. The court also found that Cardona's offense involved more than 30 kilograms of heroin and 150 kilograms of cocaine.

"The sentencing of Barrio Azteca leader Roberto Cardona is a victory for both U.S. and Mexican law enforcement," said DEA Administrator Leonhart. "Together, we will relentlessly pursue violent drug organizations, their leaders and gang members who brutally destroy lives on both sides of the border."

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See Related DEA Press Release dated February 22: **Federal Jury Conflicts Four Texas-Based Barrio Azteca Gang Members** by clicking [here](#).

More Than Four Life Sentences for Doctor Whose Drugs Resulted in Four Deaths

On February 14 Dr. Paul H. Volkman was sentenced in U.S. District Court to more than four terms of life imprisonment for illegally prescribing and dispensing pain pills outside the scope of a legitimate medical practice. As a consequence of his actions four people died between 2003 and 2005.

Evidence presented during the trial showed that Volkman prescribed and dispensed millions of dosages of various drugs including diazepam, hydrocodone, oxycodone, alprazolam, and carisoprodol. Volkman operated out of three locations in Portsmouth, Ohio and one location in Chillicothe before task force investigators, led by DEA Diversion investigators, shut him down in 2006.

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Largest Drug Bust in Colorado History

On February 10 DEA Special Agents, police officers, and deputy sheriffs arrested 80 people on drug and/or gun charges in Colorado. The arrests were made by over 500 agents and officers, making this the largest drug bust in Colorado history. During the course of the investigation agents and officers seized 12 weapons, including an SKS assault rifle, an AR-15 assault rifle, and handguns; \$415,140; 26,129 grams of cocaine; 1,000 grams of crack; and methamphetamine.

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It was 25 years ago in 1987 when DEA, along with the Department of States' Bureau of International Narcotics Matters (now Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs) commenced *Operation Snowcap*. Snowcap operated in a dozen countries in Latin America and focused on reducing coca production through interdiction initiatives and operations in coordination with host countries. To learn more about *Operation Snowcap*, click [here](#) (p 70).

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